

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of October 30, 2017

Development Impact Taxes, Affordable Housing, Payments to Service Providers, Swimming Pool Lifeguards, Burial Sites, Country Inn Standards and More




Council Coming Attractions is a summary of some of the issues before the Council. All Council staff reports and additional information on each item scheduled for Council or Committee review can be viewed at:


<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

The Council meeting schedule may change from time to time. The current Council and Committee agendas can also be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

-  **The Council meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 31** with proclamation presentations. Councilmember Katz will recognize National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Council Vice President Riemer will recognize the Silver Spring Zombie Walk.

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-  **Expedited Bill 32-17, Taxation – Development Impact Tax for Transportation and Public School Improvements – Definitions – Senior Residential**
The Council is scheduled to introduce Expedited Bill 32-17. Councilmember Floreen is the lead sponsor. A public hearing is scheduled for December 5 at 1:30 p.m. The staff report can be viewed at:
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144915 .

Bill 32-17 would make two changes to the impact tax for transportation and public school improvements that is charged to age-restricted senior housing. First, the Bill would replace the multifamily-senior residential category with a generic senior residential category. Second, Bill 32-17 would define the senior residential category for the impact tax for transportation improvements.

- In the County, age-restricted senior housing has traditionally been multifamily units. Recently, the County has received applications for age-restricted senior housing units comprised of townhouses and villas. These age-restricted senior townhouse developments are also expected to add few students to the school system. Bill 32-17 would apply the senior residential rate of \$0 for the impact tax for public school improvements to these developments.
- The Council approved a countywide school impact tax in 2003 (effective 2004) that applied only to residential development. Rates were set for single-family-detached houses, townhouses, low-rise apartments (up to four stories) and high-rise apartments. The rates for single-family-detached houses and townhouses also included a surcharge for larger homes. Multifamily-senior residential has a \$0 school impact tax rate because it is assumed that these housing units would not add many students to the school system.

Expedited Bill 33-17, Employees' Retirement Savings Plan – Disability Benefits Plan – Termination of Benefits – Amendments

The Council is scheduled to introduce Expedited Bill 33-17. Council President Berliner is the lead sponsor, at the request of the Executive. A public hearing is scheduled for November 28 at 1:30 p.m. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144917.

Expedited Bill 33-17 would increase long term disability benefits from age 65 to 70. The County's Office of Management and Budget estimates that the County's annual cost to extend benefits to age 70 would be \$420,000. The annual total cost to all employees would be \$140,000 or \$2.22 per month per employee.

- This increase in employee benefits was negotiated between the Executive and MCGEO. In addition to the eligible employees represented by MCGEO, the Bill would increase the disability benefit for eligible non-represented employees, including elected officials.

Bill 34-17, Housing – Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDU) – Amendments

The Council is scheduled to introduce Expedited Bill 34-17. Councilmember Floreen is the lead sponsor. Council Vice President Riemer is a cosponsor. A public hearing is scheduled for December 5 at 7:30 p.m. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144919.

Bill 34-17 would: clarify certain provisions of law related to moderately priced dwelling units (MPDUs); amend certain provisions of law related to the satisfaction of MPDU requirements; and amend certain provisions of law related to the sale and rental of MPDUs. Key components of Bill 34-17 include: clarification of existing provisions of the law; requiring developments of less than 20 homes to make a payment to the Housing Initiative Fund; broadening the authority of the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs to accept payments into the Housing Initiative Fund in lieu of including MPDUs in a development, when it serves the goal of increasing the availability of affordable housing; and increasing the flexibility of the Director in determining MPDU obligations to better meet the demands for affordable units. A table showing the specific changes to existing law included in the Bill is at ©48-49. Councilmember Floreen believes that these changes will help set the stage for new housing opportunities to support a growing workforce and robust economy in the County.

Bill 35-17, Finance – Payments to Service Providers

The Council is scheduled to introduce Expedited Bill 35-17. Council President Berliner is the lead sponsor. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. A public hearing is scheduled for November 28 at 1:30 pm. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144921 .

Expedited Bill 35-17 would:

- define terms related to the annual supplement to certain providers of services to persons with developmental disabilities (currently provided through the budget resolution);
- require that a payment be made to eligible providers each year, to the extent that funds are appropriated;
- require the Director of Finance, in setting the amount of the payment, to consider the State reimbursement rates to service providers and the additional operating support needed to allow each service provider to pay direct service workers, on average, 125 percent of the County minimum wage;
- establish eligibility standards for a provider to receive the payment, including demonstrating to the Department of Health and Human Services that it pays direct service workers at a rate specified in the Council's current operating budget resolution; and
- provide for the issuance of method (2) regulations to administer the law.

For many years, the County has chosen to pay a supplement to certain providers of direct services to individuals with developmental differences because the State's reimbursement rates do not consider the higher cost of living in the County. While most organizations used the additional funding to increase wages, there was no requirement or reporting on whether the funds were being used for this purpose.

- In FY16, additional funding was added so that supplemental funds would allow organizations to pay workers at least 25 percent above the minimum wage. In FY17, the Council specified that 100 percent of the supplement was to be used to ensure that workers received, on average, at least 125 percent the County's minimum wage.



Expedited Bill 36-17, Taxation – Development Impact Tax – Exemptions – Amendments

The Council is scheduled to introduce Expedited Bill 36-17. Councilmember Floreen is the lead sponsor. A public hearing is scheduled for December 5 at 1:30 p.m. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144923 .

Expedited Bill 36-17 would reduce the tax burden on projects that provide at least 25 percent affordable housing. The Bill would allow a development that increases the number of dwelling units previously approved to take advantage of the development tax exemption for projects with 25 percent affordable housing. As proposed, a development that provides 25 percent affordable units in a newly proposed development would qualify for the exemption to the extent of the new units.



Expedited Bill 16-17, Swimming Pools – Lifeguards – Amendments

The Council is scheduled to vote on Expedited Bill 16-17. The Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee recommends enactment of Expedited Bill 16-17, but requested Council staff to draft two amendments to be presented at the Council meeting. First, Councilmember Rice requested an amendment to require a lifeguard be on duty at a hotel pool during specific hours (from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday). Second, HHS Committee Chair Leventhal requested that an amendment be drafted to require a person certified in CPR to be on a hotel's premises anytime that a pool is open without a lifeguard. All members of the HHS Committee and the Bill's lead sponsor concur with the amendments as drafted. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144925 .

Councilmember Katz is the lead sponsor. Councilmembers Floreen and Elrich and Council President Berliner are cosponsors. As introduced, Expedited Bill 16-17 would exempt pools at

certain facilities from the requirement to have a lifeguard on duty when the pool is open for use; require exempted public pools to meet certain criteria, including posting certain warning signs; and require exempted pools to have an emergency alert system. Under current law, County hotel pools can be open for swimming only if a lifeguard is present.

- According to Councilmember Katz, the County is one of only two jurisdictions in Maryland that require a qualified lifeguard to be on duty to open pools for swimming. This requirement is a burden for the County's hospitality industry that is not faced by neighboring jurisdictions.

Bill 24-17, Land Use Information – Burial Sites

The Council is scheduled to vote on Bill 24-17. The Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee recommends enactment with amendments to Section 33A-17(d)2 and 3 that expands the scope of the inventory to the entire County; allows for updates as information becomes available; and specifically allows inclusions and exclusions in the updating process. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144927.

Councilmembers Rice and Leventhal and Council President Berliner are the lead sponsors. Councilmembers Katz, Elrich, and Navarro and Council Vice President Riemer are cosponsors. Bill 24-17 would require the County Planning Board to establish and maintain an inventory of burial sites and revise that inventory annually as research reveals additional sites or errors in prior research.

Subdivision Regulation Amendment 17-01, Approval Procedures – Burial Sites

The Council is scheduled to vote on SRA 17-01. The PHED Committee recommends approval with the following amendments:

- Require protection of any burial sites known to the applicant without regard to the burial site inventory.
- Require the same treatment for seen and unseen burial sites.
- Provide greater specificity on the meaning of “historical and archeological best practices.”
- Provide Planning Board discretion on staking out burial sites.
- Require specificity for the developer-produced on-site inventory.
- Provide Planning Board discretion on how to maintain and preserve burial sites during and after development.
- Provide Planning Board discretion to allow the relocation of a burial site.
- Establish an effective date of July 1, 2018.

The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144929.

Councilmembers Rice and Leventhal and Council President Berliner are the lead sponsors. Councilmembers Navarro, Hucker, and Elrich are cosponsors. SRA 17-01, a companion regulation to Bill 24-17, would require burial sites identified in the Planning Board's annual inventory (per Bill 24-17) to be respected in the subdivision approval process. Although there are State requirements for the removal of human remains and for registered cemeteries, currently there are no specific references in the County Code dealing with cemeteries or burial sites. Under current law, developers have no obligation to conduct archaeological research on their sites.

Zoning Text Amendment 17-13, Exemptions – Public Taking

The Council is scheduled to introduce ZTA 17-13. Councilmember Floreen is the lead sponsor. A public hearing is scheduled for December 5 at 1:30 pm. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144931.

The 2014 Zoning Ordinance did not grandfather a lawful structure located on a lot that is reduced in area by public acquisition which means that such an acquisition could cause a structure to become nonconforming. ZTA 17-13 would retain the pre-acquisition, legal status of the property. The ZTA is recommended by Council and Executive staff for situations where less than an entire property is publicly acquired.

Zoning Text Amendment 17-14, Walls and Fences – Setback Exemption

The Council is scheduled to introduce ZTA 17-14. Councilmember Leventhal is the lead sponsor. A public hearing is scheduled for December 5 at 1:30 p.m. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144933.

Currently, the County Zoning Ordinance exempts fences and walls from setback requirements, if the height of the structure is 6.5 feet or lower. A landowner who wants a higher fence is either required to meet the setback requirement or to apply for a variance. The sponsor believes that when the owner of residentially zoned property abuts a non-residentially zoned property (in commercial/residential, employment, or industrial zones), an 8-foot fence should be allowed without a setback or variance.

Zoning Text Amendment 17-04, Country Inn Standards

The Council is scheduled to vote on ZTA 17-04. The PHED Committee (2-1 with Councilmember Floreen opposed) recommends approval with an amendment to exempt a country inn in a historic building from the abutting property criteria. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144935.

Councilmembers Elrich and Hucker are the lead sponsors of ZTA 17-04. Council President Berliner, Council Vice President Riemer, and Councilmembers Katz, Rice, Leventhal, Navarro and Floreen are cosponsors. A public hearing on ZTA 17-04 was held on September 12. ZTA 17-04 would revise the standards for approving the construction of a country inn in a residential neighborhood.

- A country inn is defined as “an establishment for dining in a rural area that may include a maximum of 12 overnight guest rooms” and other subordinate uses like antique shops and recreational facilities.
- The sponsors believe that the ZTA adds an appropriate limitation on what constitutes a “rural area,” a concept applied in this case to country inns to limit their use to locations where it would not be a detriment to (residential) neighbors. As introduced, the ZTA would prohibit a pending application for a country inn abutting Old Angler’s Inn from being approved as well as any similarly situated applications that may be submitted in other locations in the future.

Corrective Map Amendments: H-120 for Montgomery Village Center and H-121 for Kings Crossing

The Council is scheduled to vote on corrective map amendments H-120 for Montgomery Village Center and H-121 for Kings Crossing. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144937.

➤ **Montgomery Village Center**

This corrective map amendment would correct the residential floor area ratio (FAR) of the Commercial Residential Town (CRT) Zone for the Village Center site. The Montgomery Village Foundation notified the Planning Department that an error existed on the zoning map for the property located at 19630-19644 Club House Road.

- Staff researched the issue separately and determined other adjacent properties had the same mapping error. The subject site is located on a block bounded by Montgomery Village Avenue, Club House Road, Watkins Mill Road, and Stedwick Road in Gaithersburg. The subject site is 42.45 acres.

- Much of the subject site consists of commercial uses and is surrounded by multiple residential townhome and apartment developments to the north and south. According to staff, this corrective map amendment will not affect the existing site or surrounding properties other than to correct the residential zoning designation of the site.

➤ **Kings Crossing**

This property is owned by Adrienne Wear and was excluded from the zoning application. An agreement was made between Ms. Wear and the applicants for the rezoning to swap a small part of the Wear property, which is used to access the former Hoyles Mill Road for about an acre of the applicant's property.

- The agreement also provided for "alternative driveway access, fencing and landscaping, a conservation easement and the location of a local park to the south" (G-651 OZAH Report, page 26). The property Ms. Wear received from the applicant was also explicitly excluded from the zoning application.
- The subsequent preliminary plan of subdivision for the Planned Development-2 (PD-2) zoned Kings Crossing (plan number 119880060) resulted in a street and property layout significantly different from the layout shown in the development plan. The Wear property was not included in that plan of subdivision.



FY19 WSSC Spending Control Limits

The Council is scheduled to vote on the FY19 WSSC Spending Control Limits. The Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment (T&E) Committee recommends approval with amendments. Overall, the Committee recommends a five percent rate increase ceiling for FY19, \$546,879,000 in new debt, \$281,174,000 in debt service, and \$763,653,000 in total water and sewer operating expenses. This translates into a \$2.88 increase per month for a residential customer who uses 160 gallons of water per day. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144939.

- WSSC's spending control limits process was established in 1994 through a resolution by both the Montgomery and Prince George's County Councils. The goal is to have both Councils agree on budget limits by November 1 of each year.



Amendments to Ten-Year Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan: Water and Sewer Category Changes

The Council is scheduled to vote on eight water and sewer category changes. The T&E Committee recommends approval with amendments. The individual category change requests and the Committee's recommendations on each property can be found on pages 1-2 of the staff report that can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144941.



Resolution Regarding Transportation Solutions for Northwest Montgomery County

The Council is scheduled to vote on a resolution regarding transportation solutions for northwest Montgomery County. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144943.

Council Vice President Riemer is the lead sponsor. Council President Berliner and Councilmembers Elrich, Navarro and Leventhal are cosponsors. The resolution supports expanded capacity on I-270, the Corridor Cities Transitway, Bus Rapid Transit on or near MD 355, and improvements on MD 355. The resolution also directs the County Planning Board not to assume additional road capacity from the northern extension of Midcounty Highway when calculating the land use-transportation balance in future master plans.



Rock Spring Master Plan

The Council is scheduled to review the Rock Spring Master Plan. The PHED Committee recommends approving the plan with revisions. The Committee recommends revising the Sector Plan recommendation regarding the open space on the Democracy Center property, as well as adding language regarding a 40-foot setback from the curb on Berkshire Drive on the Wildwood Shopping Center. The Committee did not support the property owner's request for additional density at Democracy Center, but noted that increased height would facilitate a transfer of density from another property if they required additional density. The Committee supported the property owner request for an increase in height from 100 feet to 200 feet at Rockledge Executive Plaza, but did not support the requested increase in FAR. The staff reports can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144947 and http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144949.

- Rock Spring is located in North Bethesda. The Rock Spring Master Plan is bounded by I-270 to the north, Old Georgetown Road to the east, Democracy Boulevard to the south, and Westlake Drive to the west. The central portion of the 535-acre Rock Spring Master Plan area is a typical suburban office park with buildings that are widely dispersed with sizeable setbacks and ample surface and garage parking. West of the office park, across the I-270 spur, the area includes a large regional mall and other retail uses. East of the office park are two retail centers, a multi-family residential complex, and a public high school. Established residential neighborhoods surround the plan area.
- The proposed plan envisions Rock Spring as an employment center that includes new housing, where appropriate, with concentrations of retail at each end of the central spine. New development and redevelopment focuses activity along the proposed central spine. The Rock Spring Master Plan seeks to build on the goals of the previous plan and leverage the strengths of the Rock Spring area by:
 - Establishing a redevelopment framework that provides greater amenity options and a mix of uses for companies and their employees, as well as residents, both in the short- and long-term.
 - Elevating the North Bethesda Transitway to a high-priority transit corridor.
 - Concentrating new activity, both public and private, along the central spine.
 - Enhancing connectivity between the Rock Spring Plan area and surrounding residential neighborhoods, adjacent parks, and nearby community facilities.
 - Creating linkages between existing trails and green spaces, and establishing new open spaces through redevelopment.



Zoning Text Amendment 17-02, Overlay Zone – Regional Shopping Center

The Council is scheduled to vote on ZTA 17-02. The PHED Committee recommended approval of ZTA 17-02 with amendments. The Committee recommended that the ZTA make it clear that all uses allowed in the underlying zone are allowed in the overlay zone. The Committee also recommended that hotels be allowed the same height as residential buildings under the ZTA. The lead sponsor is Council President Berliner, at the request of the Planning Board. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7210&meta_id=144951.

ZTA 17-02 would allow a building with residential uses up to a height of 150 feet in a Regional Shopping Center Overlay zoned area. The proposed ZTA would implement the recommendations of the Planning Board Draft Rock Spring Master Plan.

COMMITTEE



OLO Report 2017-13, Housing for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

On Oct. 30 at 9:30 a.m. the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee and the Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will review OLO Report 2017-13. The full report can be viewed at:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OLO/Resources/Files/2017%20Reports/OLOReport2017_13.pdf .

The OLO report for the Committee meeting can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7448&meta_id=144867 .

The Council requested this study to increase its understanding of the housing challenges that face adults with developmental disabilities and the families that support them. The Council asked OLO to describe the living arrangements for adults with developmental disabilities; to survey programs in other places; to describe housing programs that currently exist to meet these needs; and to offer suggestions about approaches that may be relevant for the County. OLO identified the following questions to guide the Committee meeting:

- How well do revisions, proposed by Maryland's Developmental Disability Administration (DDA), to the residential service definitions in its Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Community Pathways waiver align with the housing choices and preferences of County adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families? If individuals and families share DDA's interest in these models, what County actions and housing resources could best help achieve their expected impacts?
- What opportunities and concerns do residential service providers foresee coming out of DDA's proposed revisions to its Residential Service definitions and/or other changes DDA will be making to comply with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services settings rule? What County actions and housing resources could best support providers during this transition?
- Are there changes to existing County housing programs that could strengthen linkages to adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families to better support their efforts to realize housing stability in the short term and the long term?



National Philharmonic Grant

On Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. the HHS committee will receive its quarterly report on the National Philharmonic grant. The staff report can be found at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7448&meta_id=144869 .

In the FY17 operating budget, the Council approved \$150,000 in the Arts and Humanities NDA to provide a grant to the National Philharmonic. In June 2016, the Council also approved a \$250,000 supplemental appropriation for FY16 to provide immediate grant support to ensure the continuing operation of the National Philharmonic. Associated with this funding was direction from the Council that the National Philharmonic: improve relationships with Strathmore; hire consultants to develop a strategic plan; coordinate with the Arts and Humanities Council; and restructure their artistic, administrative, development, governance and marketing functions to grow new and diverse audiences, raise artistic quality, and balance their budget.



White Flint 2 Sector Plan

On Oct. 30 at 2:30 p.m. the PHED Committee will continue its review of the White Flint 2 Sector Plan. The staff reports can be found at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7449&meta_id=144871 and

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7449&meta_id=144873 .

The White Flint 2 Sector Plan complements the 2010 White Flint Sector Plan by recommending opportunities for infill and transitional development at key locations. This 460-acre sector plan includes large commercial shopping centers, an office park, industrial and institutional properties,

and established residential communities. Major roadways, including Rockville Pike (MD 355) and Montrose Parkway, bisect the plan area north to south and east to west, respectively. The CSX rail tracks divide the eastern part of the plan area from the western portion of the plan area. The plan's adjacency to the City of Rockville and two areas undergoing significant changes, White Flint and Twinbrook, contributes to the uniqueness of the area.

- Most of the plan area is included in the 1992 North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan area, and a smaller portion (Nicholson Court) is in the 2010 White Flint Sector Plan area. The 1992 Master Plan identified several properties that are within the White Flint 2 Plan area: Montrose Crossing, Wilgus, Tri-Rock, Loehmann's Plaza, and light industrial zoned properties along Parklawn Drive. The Montrose Crossing Shopping Center was viewed as a significant opportunity to facilitate mixed-use development given the size of the property. The 1992 plan did not introduce any other mixed-use zoning to the plan area.
- The White Flint 2 Sector Plan recommends the retention of existing multi-family residential development to support the broad range of affordable housing options in the plan area.
- The retention of light industrial properties will continue to provide needed services for down-County residents and places for small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- New development in White Flint 2 will be compatible with existing residential neighborhoods, which will continue to have access to new public amenities and bikeway connections.
- White Flint 2 will provide mobility options via future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), new bikeway linkages to adjacent areas, and new parks and open spaces for recreation and enjoyment. White Flint 2 will contribute to the future transformation of Rockville Pike (MD 355) into an urban boulevard with BRT and by providing linkages to the City of Rockville. New streets will provide enhanced pedestrian and bikeway connections throughout the Plan area, and Montrose Parkway East-Phase II will improve east-west connectivity.
- The plan recommends up to 5,700 new dwelling units primarily focused along Rockville Pike, a portion of the Executive Boulevard office park and limited areas east of the CSX rail tracks.



Expedited Bill 31-17, Elections – Public Campaign Financing – Contributions – Amendments

On Nov. 2 at 9:30 a.m. the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee will review Expedited Bill 31-17. Councilmembers Navarro and Katz and Council Vice President Riemer are the lead sponsors. The staff report will be available on Oct. 31.

Expedited Bill 31-17 would increase the amount of money a candidate who is not married can donate or loan the candidate's campaign to match the amount permitted for a candidate who is married.

- The Council enacted Bill 16-14, Elections – Public Campaign Financing in September 2014. Bill 16-14 established the first public campaign finance system for County elections in Maryland.
- Current law limits personal contributions or loans from the candidate or the candidate's spouse to no more than \$6,000 from each. The result is that a candidate who is married may combine with the candidate's spouse to contribute or loan the campaign up to \$12,000 while an unmarried candidate is limited to a personal contribution or loan of up to \$6,000.
- Bill 31-17 would level the field by permitting any candidate, married or unmarried, to contribute a maximum of \$12,000 to the candidate's campaign.



Public Engagement Technology

The goal of this meeting is to review options and resources required to expand the Council's use of technology to reach community members using Facebook Live and YouTube in a way that is convenient and user friendly while maintaining broadcast standards and closed captioning. The

Council currently livestreams its meetings using Granicus and some Council offices use Facebook Live and Periscope on an ad hoc basis; however, there is not a consistent, easily repeatable process for broadcasting Council or Committee meetings or public hearings on Facebook Live or YouTube. The staff report will be available on Oct. 31. The following individuals are expected to participate in the meeting:

- Ivan Galic, Acting Cable Administrator, Office of Cable and Broadband Services, Department of Technology Services;
- Donna Keating, *Media Services Manager & Executive Producer–CCM, Office of Cable and Broadband Services, Department of Technology Services; and*
- *Derrick Kenny, Digital Media Manager, Office of Cable and Broadband Services.*



MC311

The Committee also will review MC311 operations. Two key topics for discussion will be the dramatic decrease in performance standards in 2017 and a staffing update. Patrick Lacefield, Director, Office of Public Information, and Leslie Hamm, Director, MC311 are expected to participate in the meeting. The staff report will be available on Oct. 31.



Bethesda Parking Demand Study

On Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. the T&E and PHED Committee will meet jointly to review the Bethesda Parking Demand Study. The staff report will be available on Oct. 31. The full study can be viewed at:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Parking/Resources/Files/Bethesda%20Parking%20Study_1017.pdf .